

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 9, 2022 | 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Baptism of the Lord



WELCOME

NEW HERE?

We are pleased that you are joining us as we worship God this morning. We invite you to introduce yourself to one of our pastors outside the Sanctuary doors following the Worship Service. All of our programs, ministries, and opportunities for mission are open to everyone. Come join us!

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Masks are required for both fully-vaccinated and unvaccinated people inside church buildings. Masks are not required for outdoor spaces. Please maintain physical distance inside, and be mindful that we are an intergenerational community and that while COVID vaccines are available for children ages five to 11, some children may not have been vaccinated.

LIVESTREAMED CHURCH SERVICES

In addition to in-person worship, the Sunday Worship Services are available to watch live at 10:00 a.m. on our live-streaming page: www.bmpc.org/livestream. For your convenience, the service also will be posted on our Worship Services page on Monday.

CHILDCARE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare is available on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to noon for children ages six months and older. See Sunday School class information on this page. Please contact Pastor Rachel, RachelPedersen@bmpc.org or Childcare Coordinator Rebecca Kellich at childcare@bmpc.org with any questions.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribe to our BMPC eNews by visiting our website: www.bmpc.org.

Today's Schedule

Childcare

8:00 a.m., Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102

Faith Under 5 Sunday School

Ages 2 to Grade K

8:30 a.m., Virtual

Sunday School

Grades 1 & 2

9:00 a.m., Virtual

Confirmation Class

9:00 a.m., Virtual

10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Sunday School

Grades 3-5

10:00 a.m., Virtual

Youth Gathering

10:00 a.m., Virtual

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Jesus Bright and Morning Star

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

Brian K. Ballard

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings; ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

All: May the Lord give strength to God's people. May the Lord bless the people with peace.

One: Let us worship God!

† HYMN 108

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

CALL TO CONFESSION

AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of majesty and power, even as you are revealed to us in the waters of baptism, so wash us and clean away our pretensions and illusions. In your presence we know we have wandered from your way, been slow to honor your name, and failed to fulfill our calling. Have mercy on us, O God. Through the waters of baptism, call us again to your promise of newness. Descend upon us and keep us close, so that we may live to please and praise you.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUNG RESPONSE

With Steadfast Love

O WALY WALY

With stead - fast love and mer - cy sure, God hears con - fes - sion and for -

gives; re - deemed, the soul in which God dwells, and blessed, the heart in which God lives!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Brian K. Ballard

One: Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture this child by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of His church?

All: We do.

BAPTISM HYMN 188

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7 (*p. 672 in pew Bible*)

ANTHEM

Grow in Grace
Sanctuary Choir

Malcolm Archer

Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that you shall grow thereby. Grow in peace and may the blessings of the Lord be upon you. The Lord shall with his holy oil anoint you, and you shall know his grace. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, I will give you a new heart, I will put my spirit within you and you shall live by my statutes. Amen.

SECOND LESSON Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (*pg. 60 in pew Bible*)

Agnes W. Norfleet

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Baptized for Responsibility

Agnes W. Norfleet

† HYMN 482

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)*

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

~ The Apostles' Creed

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A Welcome Song
Sanctuary Choir

Thomas Pavlechko

Welcome newborn lambs, who in his pastures dwell; where caring shepherds bring them gently to the well; For living waters will their thirst relieve. Leading to the waters, wond'ring shepherds sing the songs of new creation; Ev'ry living thing, when drinking deeply, will this song receive. Heard in Eden's garden when the world was new. Heard again in Bethl'em by a thirsty few. And those who hear the song of Life, believe. Here the newborn lambs may see the Savior's face. With heads bent low, partaking of his perfect grace. And fin'ly rising from the water, live!

†	DOXOLOGY 606		OLD HUNDREDTH
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
†	PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Rebecca Kirkpatrick
†	HYMN 816	If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee	WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT
†	BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE		Agnes W. Norfleet
	POSTLUDE	In Thee is Joy	J.S. Bach

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The Memorial Service for Howard West,
previously scheduled for January 14,
has been postponed.

WORSHIP NOTES

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Georgia Alison Maus, daughter of Sara and Gates Maus, sister to Jack.

PLAYING THE CARILLON

Robert Mygatt

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Announcements

COVID-19 UPDATES. While we are continuing in-person worship, requiring masks and distancing in the Sanctuary, we are postponing some programs and transitioning others to virtual on a week-by-week basis. Each ministry area will communicate updates and changes.

SANCTUARY FLOWER DONATIONS. Openings are available for donors who wish to give flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Our Deacons deliver small bouquets of flowers from the Sanctuary floral arrangements to homebound members. If you wish to donate flowers for a Sunday Worship Service, contact Natalie Hoepp at bmpcflowers@gmail.com.

SABBATICAL NEWS. Pastor Rachel Pedersen will be on Sabbatical until Feb. 14. During this extended time away from BMPC, Rachel will be working with educators across the country to develop and curate faith formation resources for teachers and parents. In her absence, Mary Richards and Katie Singh, Children and Family Ministry staff members, are available to answer questions about the ministry and its related programs.

RENOVATIONS DEDICATION. On Sun., Jan. 30, we will celebrate the completion of our new Atrium and other building renovations with a Service of Dedication during our 10:00 a.m. worship service, followed by an Open House and art exhibit in the Ministries Center Gallery of world-renowned painter Michael Bartmann. Having received our Certificate of Occupancy, furnishings are being added to the newly-renovated spaces. Please join us on Jan. 30 for this significant celebration in the life of our congregation.

ADULT EDUCATION OPEN HOUSE POSTPONED. Sun., Jan. 30, 11:15 a.m., Ministries Center. Join us in the newly-renovated Ministries Center space for an Adult Education Open House. Participants will be encouraged to walk through the newly-designed library and classrooms to learn more about these new meeting spaces, how to volunteer in the library, talk with others about opportunities to connect through adult education, and purchase deeply-discounted books from the Book Center. For more information, contact Alicia Franklin, afranklin@bmpc.org.

This Week

SANCTUARY CHOIR AUDITIONS. Thurs., Jan. 13, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Fine Arts Center. The Music and Fine Arts Department will hold auditions for positions in the BMPC Sanctuary Choir. To make an audition appointment, contact Patrick Howley, department manager, at PatrickHowley@bmpc.org. Walk-in candidates are welcome!

HOLY LEISURE. Fri., Jan. 14, 6:00 p.m., via Zoom. Renee Malnak leads our discussion of “Walking into Wellness.” RSVP online. Contact Janet White via email, janetw298@verizon.net, or 484-686-9507 for more information.

Next Sunday

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY WORSHIP – NOW VIRTUAL. Sun., Jan. 16, 2:00 p.m., via Zoom. On this MLK holiday weekend, BMPC will host a virtual interfaith community worship service to commemorate the life and work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and our commitment as a larger community to work toward justice and racial reconciliation. We will be joined by leaders, musicians and members from Bethel AME Church of Ardmore, Gladwyne Presbyterian Church, Beth David Reform Congregation, Old Haverford Friends Meeting, the Baha’i Community, and Or Zarua Congregation. To attend the service, please register via this link: <https://bit.ly/mlk-registration>. RebeccaKirkpatrick@bmpc.org.

A NEW CLASS: STORIES OF GOD. Sundays, Jan. 16 through Feb. 27, 1:00 p.m., via Zoom. Join BMPC member Paul Burgmayer in a seven-week exploration of John Shea’s imaginative, challenging and thought-provoking book, *Stories of God*. Shea, a brilliant biblical storyteller and narrative theologian, argues that we are the story God tells. Our lives are the words that come from God’s mouth. And the stories we tell one another in response are not incidental, but essential to our lives together. Read more about the class on our website: <https://bit.ly/stories-of-god>. If you are interested in joining this lively conversation, email Paul at burgmayer@verizon.net.

Caring and Sharing

CASSEROLE BLITZ. Sat., Jan. 22, 8:30 a.m., Ministries Center Kitchen. Make casseroles and friends! Get to know BMPC folks you haven't met before and support a good cause! Join the Hunger Committee in preparing casseroles for area shelters. Enjoy a family activity (children over age 5). Participants are required to be vaccinated, masked and to practice social distancing. RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/casserole-rsvp>

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL REFUGEE EFFORTS. The BMPC Refugee Support Committee invites you to support the Afghan refugee family who moved into Foerderer House on Dec. 1. The committee is hard at work helping the family settle in, register for schools, and navigate the community. If you are interested in helping through donations or one-time volunteer opportunities such as driving, making meals or babysitting, you may use this link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/support-sepah>

Calendar

Sunday, January 9

8:00	a.m.	Childcare, Ed. Bldg., Rm. 102
8:30	a.m.	Sunday Morning Discussion Group, Virtual or Ed. Bldg., Rm. 204 Filling the Well, Virtual Faith Under 5 Sunday School, Virtual (includes 2s, 3s, Pre K – K)
9:00	a.m.	Sunday School for Grades 1 & 2, Virtual Confirmation Class, Virtual
10:00	a.m.	Worship with Baptism and Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org Sunday School for Grade 3, Virtual Sunday School for Grades 4 & 5, Virtual Youth Gathering (Middle School and High School), Virtual

Monday, January 10

4:00	p.m.	Environmental Justice Committee Meeting, Virtual
6:00	p.m.	Foundation Board Meeting, Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Peacemaking Committee Meeting, Virtual

Tuesday, January 11

9:00	a.m.	Repose Yoga, Virtual or Congregational Hall
10:30	a.m.	Tai Chi, Virtual or Congregational Hall
1:00	p.m.	Dance for Parkinson's Disease, Congregational Hall
5:00	p.m.	Mid-Week Meetup, Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Session Meeting, Virtual

Wednesday, January 12

10:00	a.m.	Men's Study Group, Virtual
7:00	p.m.	Student Serve, Location to be Determined

Thursday, January 13

7:00	p.m.	Sanctuary Choir and Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers, Hybrid
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Friday, January 14

6:00	p.m.	Holy Leisure, Virtual
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Saturday, January 15

7:00	a.m.	Saturday Morning Men's Group, Ed Bldg., Rm. 204 and Virtual
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Sunday, January 16

10:00	a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary or Livestreamed Service on www.bmpc.org The Rev. Carolyn C. Cavaness, pastor of Bethel AME Church, will preach.
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Worship Staff

Agnes W. Norfleet, Pastor

Brian K. Ballard, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care & Senior Adults

Leigh DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth & Their Families

Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Associate Pastor for Adult Education & Mission

Rachel Pedersen, Associate Pastor for Children & Family Ministry

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